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FOR REPRESENTATIVE JOHN JARMAN FROM AMBASSADOR VOLPE

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ITALIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS TO THE U.S.

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1. THE EMBASSY HAS PASSED YOUR MESSAGE TO COUNSELOR RICCIUTI OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES STAFF FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SENATOR VEDOVATO. I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MINISTER GIULIO ANDREOTTI, WHO WILL LEAD THE DELEGATION, REGARDING THE EXCHANGE AND SPECIFICALLY THE PROGRAMMING.

2. THE DELEGATION WILL BE ARRIVING AT DULLES AIRPORT WASHINGTON ON NOVEMBER 2 ABOARD TWA FLIGHT 891 AT 1440 HOURS. MINISTER ANDREOTTI WILL ALREADY BE IN THE UNITED STATES ON A PRIVATE VISIT AND WILL BE ARRIVING IN WASHINGTON SEPARATELY (ARRIVAL TIME TO BE SUPPLIED LATER). WIVES WILL NOT RPT NOT BE ACCOMPANYING THE PARLIAMENTARIANS. RICCIUTI HAD THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC QUESTIONS FOR WHICH HE WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWERS.
A) CONFIRMATION THAT AN INTERPRETOR(S) WILL BE SUPPLIED BY THE AMERICAN SIDE. (ENGLISH LANGUAGE FACILITY OF THE GROUP IS APPARENTLY RATHER LIMITED.)
B) FOR THOSE STAYING ON IN NEW YORK AFTER ARRIVAL THERE ON NOVEMBER 9 (THE NUMBER STILL UNKNOWN) WILL THERE BE TRANSPORTATION TO THEIR HOTEL (BARBIZON PLAZA) FROM THE AIRPORT AND WILL CARS BE AVAILABLE FOR THEM DURING THEIR TWO DAY STAY IN NEW YORK?

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3. IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH ME AND IN RICCIUTI'S MEETING WITH AN

EMBASSY OFFICER, IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT THE ITALIAN DELEGATION IS HIGHLY QUALIFIED (ANDREOTTI IS A FORMER PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE) AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AS MUCH SUBSTANCE DURING ITS STAY IN WASHINGTON AND ELSEWHERE AS POSSIBLE. WHILE THE GROUP IS PREPARED TO DO SOME SIGHTSEEING, THEY WOULD LIKE TO SPEND THE BULK OF THEIR TIME IN SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAMMING. MINISTER ANDREOTTI WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE THE CHANCE FOR A MEETING BETWEEN HIS GROUP AND AMERICAN SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF ITALIAN HERITAGE OF WHOM HE UNDERSTANDS THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY FORTY-FOUR.

4. I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE HOW IMPORTANT I BELIEVE IT IS THAT MINISTER ANDREOTTI'S GROUP BE GIVEN AS COMPLETE AN EXPOSURE AS POSSIBLE TO THE WORKINGS OF OUR LEGISLATIVE BODIES BOTH ON THE FEDERAL AND LOCAL LEVEL. WHILE THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT HAS HAD A NUMBER OF EXCHANGES IN THE PAST WITH THE COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE, THEIR EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE WITH WESTERN DEMOCRATIC PARLIAMENTARIANS HAS BEEN EXTREMELY LIMITED. I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THIS VISIT. IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOU FEEL WE CAN DO HERE DURING THE ORGANIZATIONAL PERIOD, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

5. I URGE YOU TO BE IN TOUCH WITH THE ITALIAN DESK OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON THE PROBLEM OF HANDLING THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EXTREME RIGHT AND THE EXTREME LEFT THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE ITALIAN DELEGATION. VOLPE

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